

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant has carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-23 in the application. In response to the present office action, the Applicant has amended Claims 1, 9 and 17, and cancelled Claims 5, 13 and 21. Accordingly, Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-23 are currently pending in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,578,134 to Van Dyke *et al.* Van Dyke does not anticipate the pending claims because Van Dyke does not teach a misdirect PC queue having more slots than its associated pipeline has stages. Accordingly, Van Dyke does not teach each and every element of the claimed inventions, and as such, is not an anticipating reference. Therefore, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

II. Rejection of Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,933,850 to Kumar *et al.* Kumar does not anticipate the presently claimed inventions because Kumar also does not teach a misdirect PC queue having more slots its associated pipeline has stages. Accordingly, Kumar does not teach each and every element of the claimed

inventions, and as such, is not an anticipating reference. Therefore, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

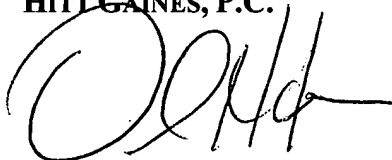
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20, and 22-23.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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